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Therefor

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Response to Restriction Requirement Under 35 U.S.C. §121

Sir:

Applicants are responding herein to the restriction requirement dated
December 20, 2001. This response is timely filed.

In the office action of December 20, 2001, the Examiner divided the claims
into the following three groups under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

I. Claims 42-45, 48, 51-57, drawn to nucleic acid compositions (e.g.
SEQ ID NOS: 3-4) and methods of treatment/immunization, classified in class 536,
subclass 23.1; class 424, subclass 93.1;

II. Claims 42-43, 46-48, 51-57, drawn to nucleic acid compositions
(e.g. SEQ ID NOS: 1-2), classified in class 536, subclass 23.1, class 424, subclass
93.1; and